

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN KELLY GEBHARDT, on January 19, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 107, 1/14/2009; SB 111,
1/14/2009; SB 113, 1/14/2009

Executive Action: SB 22, 1/19/2009

Additional Ex Related to SB 94:

[EXHIBIT\(nas12b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas12b02\)](#)

Sen. Kaufmann came into the Committee after roll call

HEARING ON SB 111

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 SEN. RICK RIPLEY (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 111, Clarifying DNRC initial wildland fire attack authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:14 Richard Van Auken, Teton County Fire Chief

00:05:32 Richard E. Grady, Canyon Creek

[EXHIBIT\(nas12b03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:01 Bob Harrington, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nas12b04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:50 Sen. Curtiss

00:10:13 Mr. Harrington, DNRC

00:10:34 Sen. Curtiss

00:10:55 Mr. Harrington, DNRC

00:11:17 Sen. Curtiss

00:11:28 Mr. Harrington, DNRC

00:11:56 Sen. Curtiss, DNRC

00:12:09 Mr. Harrington, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:57 Sen. Ripley

HEARING ON SB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:37 **SEN. JIM KEANE (D), SD 38**, opened the hearing on **SB 113**, State land fuel reduction pilot program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:24 Pat McKelvey, Fire Safe Montana
00:21:20 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
00:22:30 Gloria Flora, Attainable Solutions
[EXHIBIT\(nas12b05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(nas12b06\)](#)

00:29:03 Robert Johnson, Montana Smurfit Stone Container

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:29:42 Tom Schultz, DNRC
00:30:35 Bob Harrington, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:44 Sen. Debby Barrett
00:34:06 Mr. Harrington, DNRC
00:35:09 Sen. Barrett
00:35:36 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
00:36:15 Sen. David Wanzienried
00:36:52 Mr. Harrington, DNRC
00:38:03 Sen. Wanzienried
00:38:36 Mr. Harrington, DNRC
00:38:44 Mr. Schultz, DNRC
00:39:15 Sen. Wanzienried
00:39:38 Mr. Schultz, DNRC
00:40:26 Sen. Wanzienried
00:40:46 Mr. Schultz, DNRC
00:41:44 Sen. Christine Kaufmann
00:42:23 Mr. Schultz, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:27 Sen. Keane

00:45:03 Chairman Gebhardt

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas12b07)

HEARING ON SB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:34 SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 107, Require training on mechanized fuels reduction and fire suppression equipment.

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas12b08)

00:52:39 Sen. Peterson returned

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:27 Janis Grosfield, Drummond

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas12b09)

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas12b10)

00:57:41 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:58:11 David Russell, Past president Northern Rockies
Contracting Association, Bushfire-Bozeman

01:00:07 Pat McKelvey, Fire Safe Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:15 Kevin Mergenthaler, President Fire Chiefs' Association,
Fire Alliance

Informational Testimony:

01:03:45 Mr. Harrington, DNRC

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas12b11)

01:10:43 Butch Weedon, Director of Full Services and Training
School

01:11:12 Dave Larsen

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:43 Sen. Ken Hansen

01:14:27 Mr. Weedon, Full Services and Training School

01:14:47 Sen. Wanzenried

01:15:20 Sen. Lewis

01:16:31 Sen. Wanzenried

01:16:52 Sen. Lewis
01:17:19 Sen. Wanzenried
01:17:28 Sen. Lewis
01:18:00 Sen. Kaufmann
01:18:17 Mr. Weedon, Full Services and Training School
01:18:43 Sen. Kaufmann
01:18:54 Mr. Weedon, Full Services and Training School
01:19:21 Chairman Gebhardt
01:19:47 Mr. Russell

EXHIBIT (nas12b12)

01:20:25 Chairman Gebhardt
01:22:04 Mr. Harrington, DNRC
01:25:49 Chairman Gebhardt
01:26:40 Mr. Larsen
01:28:47 Chairman Gebhardt
01:29:06 Mr. Larsen
01:30:04 Chairman Gebhardt
01:30:27 Mr. Weedon, Full Services and Training School
01:31:34 Chairman Gebhardt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:05 Sen. Lewis

EXHIBIT (nas12b13)

Water Quality Subcommittee Report

SB 22 and SB 4

01:35:49 Sen. Barrett
01:37:46 Chairman Gebhardt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 22

01:38:59 **Motion:** SEN. PETERSON moved that **SB 22 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

(Discussion included what form the motion should take since SB 22 was passed out of committee as amended and re-referred to the committee in the amended form; the original motion was correct and the corrected wording for the vote follows.)

01:40:12 Sen. Barrett
01:40:40 Sen. Wanzenried
01:41:35 Chairman Gebhardt
01:41:42 Sen. Peterson
01:42:22 Mrs. Nowakowski

01:42:55 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 22 DO PASS** carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

LINDSEY HERN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nas12bad.pdf](#))